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Serial No. 09/981,766

In the matter of the Application of: Yasumasa TAKAO, et al.

For: FLAME SYNTHESIZED ALUMINUM NITRIDE FILLER-POWDER

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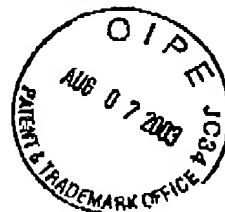
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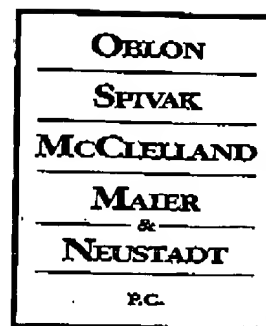
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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/981,766
Applicants: Yasumasa TAKAO, et al.
Filing Date: October 19, 2001
For: FLAME SYNTHESIZED ALUMINUM NITRIDE
FILLER-POWDER
Group Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: N. UHLIR

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PTO Cover Letter
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Previously Submitted:

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on May 9, 2003
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- ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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11/18/03AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONCOMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A flame synthesized aluminum nitride filler-powder comprising elements Al, O and N, or elements Al and N, wherein the particle size of the powder is from 0.001 to 500 μm , the mean particle size thereof is from 0.1 to 100 μm , the external shape of the particles is spherical with a ratio of the long-axis diameter to the short-axis diameter being more or less 1:1, and the powder is manufactured continuously in a gas phase in the presence of a flame by using as a raw material powder consisting of element Al, or a mixture of a powder consisting of elements Al and O and a powder consisting of element C.